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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA'S TRAVELS

1. PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA IS CONTINUING HIS RECENT ACTIVE SCHEDULE AND WILL BE TRAVELING FOR MUCH OF NEXT TWO MONTHS. STARTING APRIL 14, HE WILL SPEND MONTH VISITING FOUR MORE GOVERNORATES. ANNOUNCED SCHEDULE AS FOLLOWS: APRIL 14-20, KAIROUAN; APRIL 20-30, SOUSSE; MAY 1-7, LE KEF; MAY 8-15, KASSERINE.

2. BOURGUIBA WILL ALSO MAKE OFFICIAL VISIT TO ITALY. DATES HAVE NOT BEEN SET, BUT ITALIAN EMB HERE TOLD TO PLAN ON SOMETIME FROM MAY 15 TO JUNE 15. BOURGUIBA SCHEDULED TO GIVE ADDRESS TO ILO IN GENEVA JUNE 19, AND IS EXPECTED AT SAME TIME TO SPEND TWO OR THREE WEEKS IN SWITZERLAND FOR VACATION AND PERHAPS MEDICAL CHECKUP.

3. COMMENT: VISITS TO GOVERNORATES WILL MEAN THAT BOURGUIBA WILL HAVE VISITED EIGHT OF FOURTEEN GOVERNORATES SINCE END OF NOVEMBER, WITH SIX COMING SINCE END OF FEBRUARY. VISITS STARTED IN DEEP SOUTH, AND HE HAS GRADUALLY BEEN WORKING NORTH. AT END OF THIS SERIES,
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PRESIDENT WILL HAVE VISITED THE SOUTHERN FOUR- FIFTHS OF
THE COUNTRY. TRAVELS AGAIN EMPHASIZE PRESIDENT' S RECENT
HEAVY ACTIVITY, AND INDICATE THAT HE FEELS IN GOOD
HEALTH.
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